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National Convening

Emerge state affiliate board members, Emerge America board members, executive directors and staff are invited to attend the Emerge America 2017 National Convening on September 14-17, 2017 in Washington, DC.

Since the election, Emerge America has seen an incredible surge in the number of women who are reaching out to us to learn how to run for office. Our affiliates have seen a huge increase in the number of applications to our core training programs, with states reporting an average 87 percent increase in applications from 2016 to 2017. We are growing so quickly with our 19th state affiliate launching soon and more on the horizon!

Join us on September 14-17, 2017 as we gather to connect, convene and collaborate in our nation's capital. This is your opportunity to make a valuable contribution to Emerge on the national level. And, in return, you will be bringing home new ideas, strategies and inspiration for your state.

Thursday, September 14 - Executive Directors-only portion
Friday, September 15 - Full network convening begins
Saturday, September 16 - Full network convening continues
Sunday, September 17 - Full network convening ends by noon

More details, including a registration link and information on hotels and lodging will be forthcoming. Please save September 14-17 in your calendar now!

Emerge America on *MSNBC*

Women are inspired to run and change the conversation across the country – and Emerge America is giving them the tools to do it. Last week, *MSNBC* profiled our state affiliate, Emerge Virginia, and the first-time candidates they've trained to run for office.

Our program helps participants fine-tune their political skills and build a network of support. Emerge America alumnae have the potential to reinvigorate the Democratic Party—from local school boards to the halls of Congress. This is how women win and how we defeat Trump's agenda. Emerge America is changing the face of local, state and national politics.

Emerge America in the *New York Times*

Emerge America was mentioned twice in a week by the *New York Times* as an organization that is leading the resistance against Donald Trump.

In Nicholas Kristof's piece, "How to Stand Up to Trump and Win," he wrote:

"I'm encouraged by the increasing savvy of the resistance efforts, with excellent online resources cropping up and grass-roots groups like EmergeAmerica.org and RunforSomething.net developing to train people who want to run for political office."

Brittany Bronson's April 18th op-ed talks about the strides Nevada's state legislature has made since it elected more women and highlights Emerge America and Emerge Nevada as reasons.

"A national organization called Emerge America, which recruits and trains Democratic women to run for office, is attempting to address this problem. Emerge Nevada had nine of their graduates on state ballots last November. Eight of them were elected."

Our work is really getting noticed for the strides we are making in getting women ready to run! Congratulations to everyone for the hard work!

Andrea's Op-Ed in *The Hill*

On Saturday, April 29, 2017 Emerge America Founder and President Andrea Dew Steele had a piece published in T*he Hill* about Trump's first 100 days and the silver lining she's found amidst it all. Please take a moment to read it!

Recent Election Wins

On April 4, Emerge America alumnae resisted, persisted and enlisted in races in Wisconsin and Colorado, where 15 of the 17 Emerge women on the ballot won.

Emerge Colorado alumna Yolanda Avila pulled a huge upset in conservative Colorado Springs when she emerged the winner of her city council race, unseating an incumbent. A legally blind advocate for the disabled, Yolanda campaigned with her guide dog Puma by her side and won despite being heavily outspent in a three-way primary.

In Wisconsin, Emerge Wisconsin alumna Arvina Martin ran for a seat on the Madison City Council. She defeated a male

opponent and will be the first Native American to serve on the council. Arvina spent her career creating opportunities for tribal communities and helping them facilitate relationships with Wisconsin's government.

Voters in Milwaukee also voted to elect Emerge Wisconsin program member Paula Phillips to the Milwaukee Public School Board. The daughter of Filipino immigrants who taught her the value of public education and public service, Phillips says she ran for Milwaukee School Board because she believes strong schools can be a safe haven and unlock a student's potential.

Here are the other awesome women who won their races on April 4:

Joyce Hall
Amanda Hall
Barbara McKinney
Denise DeMarb
Carolyn Clow
Annette Ashley
Anissa Welch
Jenna Jacobson
Melissa Lemke
Diane Odeen
Emily Lindsey
Sarah Gaskell

Just last week, Emerge Massachusetts alumna Mehreen Butt was elected to the Wakefield Board of Selectmen, winning her seat in a crowded field of six people. The only person of color in the race, she is the first female Muslim-American selectman in Massachusetts and the third Muslim-American elected to office in the state.

On Saturday, Emerge Virginia 2017 Boot Camp Alumna Debra Rodman prevailed in a Democratic Caucus to secure the Democratic nomination for the Virginia House of Delegates, 73rd District race.

And this week, Emerge Massachusetts alums Sabrina Heisey, Reeny Gordon, Chanya Chanyasulkit and Heather Hamilton won their races for Dracut School Committee, Southampton Selectman, Brookline Library Trustee and Brookline Board of Selectmen respectively.

Let's congratulate these amazing women!

Regional Candidate Bootcamps

To keep up with all the additional interest we're receiving from women across the country, Emerge America will partner with its affiliates to hold several candidate boot camps for Democratic women running in the 2017 – 2018 election cycle. Please take a look at the dates below and share with your networks!

DATE	LOCATION	STATES TARGETING
May 12-14 (Northwest)	Spokane, WA	WA, MT, WY, ID, UT
June 9-11	Seattle, WA	WA
June 16-18 (Northeast)	Marlborough, MA	MA, VT, ME, NH, CT, RI
July 21-23 (Midwest)	Milwaukee, WI	WI, MI, MN, IA, IL, OH, IN, MO
August 18-20 (South)	Atlanta, GA	NC, SC, GA, AL, LA, FL, AR
September 15-17*	Washington, DC	Open to all

Are You a Member of the Emerge Alumnae Facebook Group?

Did you know that Emerge America has a Facebook group for all of our alumnae across the country? It is a great way to stay connected to the Emerge family nationally and find out about various events and opportunities from the organization and partners to keep you engaged with news, tools and resources. If you would like to join, please email contact@emergeamerica.org with your name, state affiliation and graduation year.

Emerge Maryland on NPR's Weekend Edition

On March 19, Emerge Maryland was profiled on NPR's Weekend Edition! Please listen to the excellent story here.

Expansion into New States

Within the next two to three months, Louisiana, New York and Alabama will become official affiliates. We are also currently working to develop affiliates in Georgia, South Carolina, Connecticut and Rhode Island. In addition, New Hampshire, Iowa, Ohio, Missouri and Arkansas are in the stages of forming organizing committees. Please reach out to Laila, our new Expansion Director, at laila@emergeamerica.org if you have any contacts in these states with whom you can connect us.

Below are upcoming events in states where Emerge America is expanding. For more details please email contact@emergeamerica.org.

- Informational Session in Saratoga Springs, NY on May 6
- Fundraiser with Connecticut Sec. of the State Denise W. Merrill in Darien, CT on May 10
- Fundraiser with Mayor Shari Cantor in West Hartford, CT on May 16
- Informational Session in Shreveport, LA on June 3

Our DC Office is Growing!

Emerge America is happy to announce that we have hired two new staffers in our DC office. Please join us in welcoming Jamie Maniscalco, our new Finance Director, and Laila Mohib, our new Expansion Director. More information about them is below.

Jamie Maniscalco

Jamie Lynn Maniscalco is the Finance Director for Emerge America and a fierce feminist dedicated to electing democratic women. Jamie began her political career as a Field Organizer for President Obama's 2012 campaign in North Carolina and served the Presidential Inaugural Committee for the National Day of Service. Her path in political fundraising began at Organizing for Action. Through her time at OFA, Jamie was approached to join Senator Jeanne Shaheen's campaign as Call Time Manager and was promoted to DC Finance Director during her time with the campaign.

In 2014 Jamie worked for the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee in the Mid-Atlantic Region where she raised PAC & individual dollars. In 2015, Jamie joined Governor Terry McAuliffe's Leadership PAC, Common Good VA, where she advised & raised money for seven state senate races. She was an integral part of the small team that raised over $18 million dollars for state senate races in Virginia. Most recently, Jamie was the Finance Director for the Democratic Party of Virginia during the 2016 election where she raised $1.7 million, making VA the only self-funded democratic state party that year.

Jamie is a native of Long Island, New York, spent a lot of time in North Carolina and now resides in Washington, DC. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science & a Bachelor's Degree in Philosophy from East Carolina University. Jamie is a member of the Women's Information Network (WIN) in DC and a recipient of the WIN Young Women of Achievement Award in Politics and Campaigns.

Laila Mohib

Over the last decade, Laila has worked with elected officials, candidates and organizations to develop skills in training, messaging, polling and outreach. Laila was the Director of Women's Engagement and the Democratic Women's Alliance at the DNC during the 2016 election cycles. During the 2014 cycle she held the role as the Director of Asian American and Pacific Islander Outreach also at the DNC. She has previously been the Director of Policy and Program Director at APAICS, the philanthropic arm of the Congressional and Pacific Islander Members of Congress.

She has previously worked with the Communication Workers of America's campaigns and spent two election cycles with EMILY's List in the Political Department. She also worked in Congress, in Candidate Recruitment at Progressive Majority and with the Democratic National Committee's Office of Independent Expenditures. Laila received her undergraduate degree from Sarah Lawrence College and holds a Masters in Arts in Art History, Connoisseurship and the History of the Art Market from Christie's Education. Laila is the loving Aunt to Nina and Chris and a devoted fan of the Mets, the Jets and pie.

Welcome Our New Board Members!

Emerge America is excited to announce four new additions to our Board of Directors. We are thankful to have this diverse

group of women bring their expertise and commitment to seeing more women in politics to the Emerge family.

LaToia Jones

LaToia A. Jones is the Associate Director for the Human Rights and Community Relations Department at the American Federation of Teachers where she coordinates, trains and connects members on community engagement, political and civic engagement. She also served as the Director of Special Projects for the CEO of the 2016 Democratic National Convention in Philadelphia, PA. LaToia has over 15 years of extensive political experience covering presidential campaigns, gubernatorial races and countless congressional and local races. In 2012, LaToia was one of the Loop 21 Top 40 under 40, Capitol Hill Edition. She has served on the board of the National Council of Negro Women (NCNW) and currently serves on the boards of the National Labor Roundtable, Higher Heights for America and Generator Development Group.

Caroline Donahue

Caroline is on the board of Experian, plc and The Computer History Museum and is a member of C-100, a Northwestern University women's leadership group. She retired from her full time tech career in 2016 after spending the past 21+ years at Intuit where she was Executive Vice President and Chief Sales and Marketing Officer. She also works with several nonprofits in the Bay area including Emerge America and She-Can. She lives in Atherton, CA and New York City. Caroline is passionate about women's issues, equal rights and pay for all, immigration and gun control. She's been active in Democratic politics her whole life and loves the mission, vision and people of Emerge America. She can't wait to help Emerge expand and elect more women into office!

Pamela Eakes

Pamela Eakes combines a successful career in advertising and marketing with nonprofit executive leadership, organizational development and a commitment to community and civic service. For over a dozen years, Eakes served as Founder & CEO of Mothers Against Violence in America (MAVIA), a national nonprofit organization dedicated to preventing violence by and against children. She has served as the Executive Director of the Women’s Leadership Forum and the Deputy Director of the American Majority Partnership of the Democratic Convention. Eakes was a Co-chair of Ready for Hillary and served on the Hillary for America National Finance Committee and was a national delegate to the Democratic National Convention for Hillary in 2016 and 2008.

Amanda Renteria

Amanda was recently named the Chief of Operations for the California Department of Justice. She is part of the executive team for California's new Attorney General, Xavier Becerra. Under her direction, she oversees an annual budget of $850 million and manages a team of about 1,000 public servants. Amanda has had a unique and diverse career starting out in the financial industry, moving to education as a teacher in her small hometown community, and finally spending the majority of her career in public service. Amanda began her government service at the local level in the City of San Jose and spent close to a decade in the United States Senate. During her Senate tenure, Amanda worked closely on the Affordable Care Act, the Farm Bill and the reorganization of the Auto Industry. She was named one of the top 50 most influential staffers and became the first Latina Chief of Staff in the U.S. Senate. In 2014, she returned to her hometown and was a candidate for U.S. Congress in California’s 21st District, where she was chosen as the Democratic Party’s nominee. In 2016, Amanda served as the National Political Director for Secretary Clinton’s presidential run. Amanda oversaw the campaign’s political strategy with elected officials and key constituency groups. Her team conducted a wide range of outreach and engagement programs at the local, state and federal levels. Amanda often served as a surrogate and campaign spokesperson on all media platforms, including *CNN, MSNBC, FOX, NPR, Univision and Telemundo* and their state and local affiliates. She was featured in several publications including *Allure, Buzzfeed, Cosmo, Elle, McClatchy, Politico,* and *Sports Illustrated.* Amanda’s experience has given her a unique perspective on all aspects of the political arena from engaging with political institutions at the highest level to understating small town organizing across multiple states. Her experience at the local, state and federal level has also exposed her to some of the best practices around the country. She is a proud daughter of parents who began as farmworkers in the rural Central Valley of California, a graduate of Stanford University and Harvard Business school and a mom of two young energetic sons.

Highlights from the States

On March 18, Emerge Maine graduated their class of 2017. Applications for Emerge Maine's next class are already live and available here: http://www.emergemaine.org/training/application

On March 25, Emerge Nevada held a gala celebrating their 10th anniversary and 2017 Woman of the Year. Here's to another wonderful decade of training Democratic women!

Emerge Tennessee held their inaugural class on Saturday, April 1! They welcomed amazing women from across the state, who will go on to be incredible Democratic leaders in the Volunteer State.

In addition, Emerge Tennessee hosted Senator Tim Kaine for a fundraiser and had Leader Nancy Pelosi stop by and speak to their class. We can’t wait to see all the amazing things our most recently launched program will do in the future.

From the Emerge Twitterverse

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We inspire women to run, we hone their skills to win.
Our goal is clear: to increase the number of Democratic women in public office.

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